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1-PANAMA CITY-- ALL PAPERS SEPTEMBER 28 CONTINUE FRONT-PAGE
PLACEMENT WIRE SERVICE COVERAGE SENATE HEARINGS WITH FOLLOWING
HEADINGS: SEMI-INDEPENDENT LA ESTRELLA, "SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
SAYS: 'U.S. CAN INTERVENE IN THE ZONE;'" SISTER STAR & HERALD,
"TOP U.S. MILITARYMEN BACK CANAL TREATIES;" GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED
MATUTINO, "HAROLD BROWN RATIFIES: ARMED FORCES AND PENTAGON
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BACK TREATY," AND SISTER TABLOID CRITICA, (BACK PAGE) "PENTAGON
AND ARMED FORCES GIVE TOTAL SUPPORT TO TREATY." CRITICA ALSO
CARRIED BACK PAGE SHORT UPI ARTICLE ON EX-U.S. ARMY SERGEANT SUB-
POENAED BY SENATE COMMITTEE FOR QUESTIONING ON TREATY ESPIONAGE.

2-GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED MATUTINO SEPTEMBER 28 CARRIED UPBEAT LEAD
EDIT, "THE VOICES OF GOOD JUDGMENT" CONCLUDING THAT THE VOICES

OF MEN LIKE "VANCE, BUNKER, LINOWITZ AND SO MANY OTHER RESPECTED LEADERS OF AMERICAN THOUGHT, WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AT THE HEAD" WILL PREVAIL OVER THOSE WHO THINK THAT THE POLITICAL ARENA IS "A CIRCUS RING IN WHICH THE NEWLY-ARRIVED TO THE DIPLOMATIC FORUM CAN SHOW OFF THEIR CLOWNISH SKILLS..."

3-MATUTINO AND CRITICA CARRY BRIEF ARRIVAL STORIES ON TORRIJOS' TRIP TO ISRAEL WITH TEXTS OF ARRIVAL STATEMENTS BY TORRIJOS AND BEGIN. ACCORDING TO "SPECIAL SERVICE" STORY, DURING THE "CORDIAL AND SIGNIFICANT RECEPTION" BEGIN GAVE HIS WELCOME IN SPANISH.

4-GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED MATUTINO AND CRITICA CONTINUED PUBLICATION OF ANTI-TREATY MATERIAL ON INTERIOR PAGES. TODAY'S FULL PAGE BROADSIDE IS FROM THE STUDENT GROUP VANGUARDIA POPULAR WITH SAME THEMES AS EARLIER STUDENT PAGES. ANTI-TREATY STUDENT GROUPS ALSO BEING FEATURED DAILY ON RADIO EXITOSA'S EARLY MORNING PROGRAM, AND NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 27 WERE GIVEN TIME ON RPC-TV TELEVISION NETWORK.

5-LA ESTRELLA DE PANAMA FRONT-PAGED TODAY AN INTERVIEW BY AP STRINGER ANNE SUZY WITH GENERAL TORRIJOS UNDER SPREAD HEAD: "I'M CONSERVATIVE IN SOME THINGS AND PROGRESSIVE IN OTHERS." INTERVIEW IS PRODUCT OF RECENT MARATHON INTERVIEW TORRIJOS GAVE TO AP AND UPI. ITEM UNQUOTE GONZALEZ

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